

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) In a system for managing application installation operations, a method of communicating with an application, comprising:
receiving from the application a call to set a property related to performing an application installation operation, wherein the application installation operation is a downsize operation, further wherein the downsize operation comprises one of removing non-essential data and removing data that can be recreated from another source;

receiving from the application a call to initialize the application installation operation;
receiving from the application a call to finalize the application installation operation;
and

if the application installation operation is not executed successfully by the application, receiving a call to abort the application installation operation.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said application installation operation is downsize, said call to initialize the application installation operation is InitializeDownsize, and said call to finalize the application installation operation is FinalizeDownsize.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a call from the application to get a property related to performing an application installation operation.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said call to set a property is SetProperty.

10. (Original) A computer readable medium having instructions thereon for performing the method of claim 1.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

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34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) In a system for managing application installation operations, a method of communicating with an application, comprising:

receiving from the application a call to set a property related to performing an application downsize operation, wherein the downsize operation comprises one of removing non-essential data and removing data that can be recreated from another source;

receiving from the application a call to initialize the application downsize operation;
receiving from the application a call to finalize the application downsize operation;
and
if the application downsize operation is not executed successfully by the application,
receiving a call to abort the application downsize operation.

36. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein said call to set a property is SetProperty.

37. (Original) The method of claim 36, wherein said call to SetProperty has a parameter identifying application property APP_PROPERTY_GUID as the property being set.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein said call to SetProperty has a further parameter for pointing to a GUID for identifying the application that is the object of the downsize operation.

39. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein said call to initialize the application downsize operation is InitializeUnInstall.

40. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein said call to finalize the application downsize operation is FinalizeUnInstall.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Original) A computer readable medium having instructions thereon for performing the steps recited in claim 35.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Cancelled)

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45. (Cancelled)

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50. (Cancelled)

51. (Cancelled)

52. (Cancelled)

53. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein non-essential data comprises data which is not necessary for the normal operation of an application program.